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STUDENTS WORKING AGAINST TOBACCO “SANDBLAST” EVENT SET FOR MAY 5

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Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) and TASCOCO (Teen Arts, Sports and Cultural Opportunities) are hosting the 19th Annual SWAT Sandblast, a smoke-free event for teens in grades 6-12 on Saturday, May 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Elva Rouse Park, North Shore Dr. NE & 10th Ave. NE, St. Petersburg.

SWAT Sandblast is free to all participants and will feature fun activities including live music, beach games, bungee bounce, water joust, foam arena, flag football, two twenty-five-foot waterslides and more. SWAT and TASCOCO members, in collaboration with the Florida Department

of Health in Pinellas County (DOH-Pinellas), St. Petersburg Parks & Recreation and Healthy St. Pete are highlighting support of youth for a tobacco-free lifestyle.

SWAT is an organization with an active, involved membership of young people in middle and high school that provides a means for Florida's youth to develop and coordinate a unified assault on tobacco's sales pitch in their communities. It encourages youth to become effective advocates and leaders in their communities while providing "real life" experiences through planning, executing and evaluating tobacco prevention activities. SWAT trains youth to be more effective in all endeavors they choose to undertake.

For more information about SWAT, call (727) 588-4040, ext. 3158. For information about TASCOCO, call (727) 892-5060.

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